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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETYA PETROVA *ET AL.*)
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASST. COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, OFFICE OF INITIAL PATENT EXAMINATION, CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER, WASHINGTON D.C. 20231 ON THIS

14th DAY OF March 2003. BY: J. Ryan Ferry

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 14, 2003, the applicants make the following election. The Examiner has required the applicants to elect between Groups I, II and III. The applicants elect group III claims 31-36 drawn to copolymers with traverse. The applicants do not believe that there is an undue burden on the Examiner to search Groups I-III. Claims 31-36 read on Group III.

For Groups I and II, the Examiner is requesting an election of species. The Examiner has not required the applicants to elect a single disclosed species for Group III (see page 3 of the Office Action). However, if the Examiner requires the applicants to elect a single disclosed species, the applicants elect example 10 as the species for examination. Example 10 is found at page 23 of the specification. Example 10 is the copolymerization of 1-thio-4,5,5-trifluoro-4-pentenyl acetate with vinylidene fluoride.

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No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any debit or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited. The applicants believe that this response is responsive, however, if the Examiner disagrees, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (302) 888-6270.

Respectfully Submitted,

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